

Appl. No. 10/696,007
Reply to Office Action of December 3, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 2001.0808B/24061.374
Customer No. 42717

REMARKS

The specification has been amended, and Claims 30, 31 and 38 have been amended. Claims 30-41 are present in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended.

New Power of Attorney

As a courtesy, the attention of the Examiner is respectfully directed to the fact that a new Power of Attorney has been filed. In particular, the pending Office Action was mailed on December 3, 2004. Almost simultaneously therewith, on December 2, 2004, Applicants filed a new Power of Attorney. The new Power reflects the fact that responsibility for this application has been transferred from the law firm of George O. Sails & Associates to the law firm of Haynes and Boone L.L.P. It is assumed that, by now, the new Power of Attorney has been properly entered into the PTO's records for this application, including entry of the new correspondence address into the PTO computer. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner take a moment and verify that the Power and the new correspondence address have in fact been entered, so that the next communication will be mailed to the new correspondence address and not the obsolete correspondence address.

Allowed Claims 35-41

Noted with appreciation is the indication in the Office Action that Claims 35-41 have been allowed.

Allowable Claims 30-34

The Office Action closed prosecution under *Ex parte Quayle*, indicating that the application is in condition for allowance except for some formal matters. In this regard, the Office Action sets forth some objections to Claim 30, and requires correction. The foregoing

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amendments to Claim 30 correct each of the specified objections to Claim 30. In addition, grammatical corrections have been made in Claim 30 by removing three unnecessary commas from the beginning of the claim. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 30 is now in proper form, and thus in condition for allowance. Applicants have also made grammatical corrections in each of dependent Claims 31 and 38, in particular by adding the word "the" before specific occurrences of the word "perimeter". None of these amendments to Claims 30-41 change the intended scope of any of these claims. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 30-34 are all in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Amendment to Specification

The first paragraph on page 1 of the specification refers to the parent of the present application. The Office Action sets forth a requirement that Applicants update the paragraph so as to add the U.S. patent number that has now been assigned to the parent. The foregoing amendments effect this change, and also implement some other changes in that paragraph, in order to correct a spelling error, and otherwise bring the form of the paragraph into closer conformity with customary practice.

Conclusion

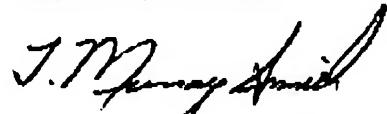
As noted above, the Office Action closed prosecution on the merits under *Ex parte Quayle*, subject to correction of enumerated objections to the specification and claims. It is respectfully submitted that, as discussed above, the foregoing amendments cure each of the objections to the specification and claims that were set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, this application should now be in proper condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be allowed and sent to issue. If the Examiner believes that there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned attorney at 972-739-8647, so that the issues can be promptly resolved.

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Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in association with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone LLP.

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